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GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR JOIN DIRECTOR PEYTON IN HONORING EXEMPLARY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

HONOLULU—Nine exemplary Department of Public Safety employees were honored at a ceremony today held at the State Capitol Executive Chambers by Governor Linda Lingle, Lieutenant Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr. and Department of Public Safety Director John F. Peyton, Jr. Governor Lingle also issued a proclamation declaring May 10 to May 16, 2004, as Department of Public Safety Week.

When the Department of Public Safety was created in 1989, it consolidated all State public safety functions from several departments in the executive and judicial branches. It currently has about 2,500 employees, including correctional officers, deputy sheriffs, investigators, doctors, librarians, social workers, substance abuse counselors, plumbers, laundry workers and others whose jobs support a 24 hours a day, seven days a week operation.

"Despite being underfunded and understaffed, a lot of good people do an outstanding job every day," said Department of Public Safety Director John Peyton. "Today we wanted to recognize outstanding employees who are doing a lot of great things in the field to ensure the safety of our community".

The proclamation signed by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor highlighted the "vital role that the department plays in fighting crime and drugs, and protecting the public in many other ways."

Peyton called on nine department employees, who were presented with written commendations from the Governor this morning at the State Capitol Executive Chambers. A synopsis of each honoree's accomplishments follows:

- **Dr. Kay Bauman**, the department's Medical Director, continues to bring a comprehensive perspective to preventive care, chronic disease management and public health issues. Her expertise in infectious diseases was highlighted during the recent influenza epidemic at the Waiawa Correctional Facility and with tuberculosis screening challenges at the Kulani Correctional Facility.
- **Sergeant Elena Chancheck**, a correctional officer at the Women's Community Correctional Center, often strives for maximum performance in everything she does, whether she is supervising a variety of inmate populations, spearheading the women's prison's new electronic key project, or working with community agencies. Sergeant Chancheck is recognized for her enthusiasm, confidence, and dedication to duty.

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Nine Exemplary Employees Recognized During Department of Public Safety Week

- **John Maguire**, a correctional officer at Halawa Correctional Facility, has done a tremendous job of helping to fight the introduction of drugs into the Halawa Correctional Facility. His uncanny ability to detect dubious behavior by inmates or visitors during weekend visits resulted in 12 arrests and seven controlled substance investigations last year. Officer Maguire is recognized for his integrity, insight and good judgment.
- **Leroy Mamuad**, a correctional officer at the Maui Community Correctional Center, is recognized for his work ethic, positive attitude and motivation of others. It is also noted that Officer Mamuad had not taken a sick day once, since he was hired four years ago.
- **Peter Mo**, a data processing systems analyst in the Administration Division, brings a theoretical and practical understanding of information technology. A team player, he focuses on how technology applications will ultimately affect the users in the field. He is recognized for his solution-oriented attitude, attention to detail, and for taking the extra step to do more than what is required.
- **Lieutenant Robin Nagamine**, a deputy sheriff, has extensive institutional knowledge spanning over 20 years, which he uses to the great benefit of the department. He refined a plan to reorganize the Sheriff Division and continues to be an invaluable part of important discussions with the unions, management and staff to modernize the disciplinary process. He is recognized for his keen insight and excellent planning and organizational skills.
- **Derek Nakamura** is a supervising investigator with the Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED). Of nearly 600 cases initiated by NED last year, Mr. Nakamura has personally participated in investigating over 200 of them. He is recognized for effecting a marked increase in productivity, his tenacious investigative style and his ability to lead by example.
- Deputy Sheriff **Michael Oakland** has contributed a community orientation to the Sheriff Division, helping to underscore that deputy sheriffs are an active partner in our communities. Deputy Oakland represents the department at schools and job fairs, and is involved with projects such as Special Olympics, Kids Care, Children and Youth Day and many others. He exemplifies that we can collectively do much to make a significant impact on our communities.
- Deputy Sheriff **Shawn Tsuha** was instrumental in obtaining over \$1 million in federal grants for the planning and implementation of the Sheriff Division's new interoperable radio communications system. He drafted a plan to protect critical infrastructure at the Honolulu Harbor and Sand Island areas for the State Law Enforcement Coalition, which was formed to meet the mandates of Homeland Security. He is recognized for these and other noteworthy achievements.

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